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# 2005 Jimmy Carter Work Project comes to Michigan



Volunteers gather with Jimmy and Rosalind Carter at the Detroit build.

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"We have never seen a state or country come together as complete as this state has this past week, so there's something special about Michigan."
—Former President Jimmy Carter, Detroit, June 22, 2005—

Michigan played host to the 2005 Jimmy Carter Work Project during the week of June 19-24. More than 80 MDOC

employees volunteered to work directly on a Detroit or Benton Harbor build site or assist with the delivery of building products or landscape orders.

Director Patricia Caruso joined the staff in Detroit to help deliver some of the 100 rocking horses made by DOC inmates from scrap lumber and materials. The toys were given to families with children under six years old.

"It was a tremendous experience," said Director Caruso. "We had many more corrections staff volunteers than we had openings for. I know many of them are now volunteering through their local Habitat chapters."

Benton Harbor crews constructed 24 houses during the week, while the Detroit group completed 30

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Former President Jimmy Carter works on a Benton Harbor Habitat house

homes. A total of 61 additional Habitat affiliates in Michigan worked on houses in their local communities. Ten of those were in the Upper Peninsula.

The 20,000 statewide volunteers came from all walks of life to contribute their time and talents to the goal of safe, decent and affordable housing. Former President Carter and Mrs. Carter worked in Detroit and Benton Harbor, while a former Miss America volunteered in Benton Harbor. Governor Jennifer Granholm managed to work at sites in both cities as well.

The culmination of the project came on June 24, when 232 homes in Michigan and six in Windsor Ontario were dedicated. Families will move into these 238 homes by July 24.

The Prison Build Program was instrumental in the construction of the Habitat houses. Prison Build panelized walls were used in 178 of the

homes. Kitchen cabinets, trim, sheds and horticulture products also came from the program.

"No other correctional system in the country performed as well and accomplished so much for the Jimmy Carter Work Project as staff and inmates at the MDOC," said Mike Green, Prison Build Program administrator

The Prison Build Program educates and provides hands-on training to inmates in the building trades and horticulture industries and has been assisting with Habitat for Humanity built homes since 1999. The inmates construct walls, cabinets, trim and other housing components; build entire homes; design and create interior products; and devise landscape plans and provide the needed horticulture products.

For more information about Habitat for Humanity Michigan visit their Web site at http://www.habitatmichigan.org. **3.9.1**.



Detroit habitat homeowner with inmate-built rocking horse.

# Re-entry conference is September 19



The second annual Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative Conference *Michigan Prisoner ReEntry: Meeting the Challenges of Statewide Implementation* is set for September 19 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. Registration is at 8:00 and the conference runs from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The meeting will host the top re-entry professionals from across the country. They will present their recommendations for implementation and

incorporate lessons learned from other states and organizations as well as provide the best of current and suggested reentry policies.

For more information visit www.publicpolicy.com/MPRI. 3.4.1.3.

# **Promotions through July 2, 2005**

June 5 GREGORY, MICHELLE L	ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN-A	CENTRAL OFFICE
June 5 PAPKE, ERNEST	ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN-E	CENTRAL OFFICE
June 5 NEWLAND, GORDON	SECURITY INSPECTOR	KINROSS
June 5 THEDORFF, TREVOR	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-2	BROOKS
June 5 FEIGEL, CHARLES	DEPARTMENTAL TECHNICIAN-E	<b>HURON VALLEY</b>
June 5 BONHAM, STEVEN	FOOD SERVICES LEADER PRISONER	CARSON CITY
June 5 RAYMOND, RICKEY	PSYCHOLOGIST MANAGER-2	IONIA MAXIMUM
June 5 BALLARD, ERIC	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	RIVERSIDE FACILITY
June 5 BERRY, TAMMIE L	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	BROOKS
June 5 MCKIMMY, JESSICA	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	EGELER FACILITY
June 5 SANFORD, NICHOLAS	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	EGELER FACILITY
June 5 WHITE, JEFFREY	SENIOR EXECUTIVE WARDEN	OJIBWAY FACILITY
June 19 BAKER, TROY	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	BROOKS
June 19 ORTIZ, VICKIE	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	<b>HURON VALLEY</b>
June 19 TAYLOR, DANA	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	<b>HURON VALLEY</b>
June 19 WALTON-SCRIVENS, JONIVA	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	BROOKS
June 19 LYON, MATTHEW	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-1	PUGSLEY FACILITY
June 19 REYNOLDS, CARLOS	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-2	RYAN FACILITY
June 19 SCHNEIDER, LARRY	DEPARTMENTAL ANALYST-A	CENTRAL OFFICE
June 19 MULLEN, DEMETRISE	DEPARTMENTAL SPECIALIST-2	MARQUETTE BRANCH
June 19 HALL, ANGELA	DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISOR-2	MUSKEGON
June 19 NIEDERER, JODI L	DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISOR-2	HANDLON
June 19 THAYER, ELIZABETH	DEPARTMENTAL TECHNICIAN-E	<b>HURON VALLEY</b>
June 19 MASCHO, DOUGLAS	INDUSTRIES PROD. LEADER-E	MSI
June 19 YEAGER, MATTHEW	INDUSTRIES SUPERVISOR-1	MSI
June 19 SCHNEIDER, DANIEL	MAINTENANCE MECHANIC-A	CARSON CITY
June 19 DRAKE, DEBORA	PRISON COUNSELOR-E	BELLAMY CREEK
June 19 COVERT, GERALD	REGISTERED NURSE MANAGER-2	CHIPPEWA
June 19 DAVIS, LORI L	REGISTERED NURSE MANAGER-2	CHIPPEWA
June 19 BELT, CHARLES	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	SOUTHERN MICH
June 19 SMITH, KATHY	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	SCOTT FACILITY
June 19 YEO, DOUGLAS	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	BELLAMY CREEK
June 19 RAPELJE, LLOYD	STATE ADMIN MANAGER-1	ALGER MAX

# Dave Wilson Memorial Golf Outing is August 7

The Dave Wilson Memorial Golf Outing is scheduled for Sunday, August 7 at the St. Johns Golf and Conference Center, 44045 Five Mile Road in Plymouth. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. with a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. Cost per golfer is \$100 which includes golf, a buffet and raffle. A silent auction is also planned.

Before his death, FOA Region I Area Manager and 16-year DOC veteran Dave Wilson was actively involved in the Fields and Facilities Fund to build an athletic field for Our Lady of Good Council Church and School. The golf outing is being held as a tribute to him and proceeds from the outing will go to the fund.

Registration deadline is July 27. For more information contact FOA Supervisor Warren Wilson at 313-972-4250 or Administrative Assistant Robert Poikey at 313-456-4509. **7.9.3**.

# Ionia Free Fair offers MDOC display and discount midway rides to staff



The Ionia Free Fair starts today, Thursday, July 21, 2005. If you plan to visit the fair, which runs

through July 30, be sure to stop by the MDOC display "Corrections in 21st Century - Transition to Community."

Custody and Security, Michigan Corrections
Organization, Emergency Response Team, Michigan
State Industries, Education, Vocation and Career
Technology, Food, Health, Recreation and Chaplain
Services, Prison Build Program, Recruitment and the
Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative are all represented
in the exhibit which is located in the Exhibition Hall.

The setup depicts a prison setting. Visitors enter the fencing as if entering into a prison. They travel through Custody and Security, ERT, Health, Food and Chaplain Services, Education, Vocation and Technology, MSI, Prison Build Program and Recruitment, and depart as if leaving prison.

Corrections staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide information about the prison system, the department and career opportunities. **3.9.3**.

Law enforcement appreciation (C.O.P.S.) day at the Ionia Free Fair is Wednesday, July 27. This annual event opens the fair's hospitality center to all Department of Corrections, court, public safety, police and fire department employees including retirees, families and guests.

One I.D. card, badge or paycheck stub will be required per group to enter the hospitality center where wrist bands for all day midway rides can be purchased for \$10. The center is open from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. July 27 and wrist bands will be honored until the midway closes at midnight.

The hospitality center is located at the far southwest corner of the fairgounds in the administration building (between the 4-H horse barns and the Grand River.) The parking area at the back of the fairgrounds (\$5 fee) is nearest the hospitality center.

The appreciation day is made possible in part by the Michigan Corrections Organization, Governmental Employees Credit Union and employees of the Richard Handlon, Bellamy Creek, Ionia Maximum, Riverside and Carson City correctional facilities. 3.9.3.

# MDOC Recreation Day—July 29— is just one week away

The 2005 MDOC Recreation Day for employees, spouses, retirees and friends is July 29 at the Royal Scot Golf Club in Lansing. Join your friends and co-workers for a day of fun. Sign up for golf, poker, billiards, darts, card games or bowling. The banquet begins at 2:30 p.m. this year.

For further information and registration forms contact your facility representative. There are packages for golfers and nongolfers. Use of annual leave is required for participation. Events take place rain or shine, no refunds. This activity is for adults only, absolutely no children.

If you're interested in volunteering for employee recreation day, please contact Destinie Shipman at (517) 373-3273.



### **Packages**

#### Package #1 Golfers

The cost for 18 holes of golf, cart, banquet and any other activity offered except the Charity Poker Challenge is \$60.

There is an additional \$20 for playing in the Charity Poker Challenge.



#### Package #2 Nongolfers

Cost for Pocket Billiards & Banquet or Banquet and Awards only is \$20.

There is an additional \$20 fee required to play in the Charity Poker Challenge.



# Package #3 Charity Poker Challenge The Charity Poker Challenge & Banquet is \$40 (No Limit Texas Hold-em).

A \$20 fee for playing poker is included in the \$40.



## 66th Annual Michigan Police shoot on Sept. 4

The 66th Annual Michigan Police shoot will be held on Sept. 4, 2005 at the Jackson city police range at 1000 East South St. in Jackson. This match gives corrections employees an opportunity to match their shooting skills against other law enforcement agencies in the state. The course of fire is at 25 yards and consists of one ten-shoot string of slow fire, 10 rounds in ten minutes, one string of timed fire, two five-shoot strings in 20 seconds, and one string of rapid fire, two five-shoot strings in 10 seconds. This is the Camp Perry short course and is all fired off hand (one handed). Entry fee is \$30. For more information contact Roger Dickinson, MSI Supt. at (517) 780-5745.

## Professional Excellence Award goes to inspector



RPA Barbara Bock, Inspector Kevin Lindsey, and Deputy Warden Dennis Dyke.

Kevin Lindsey, inspector, Cooper Street Correctional Facility, received the department's Professional Excellence Award.

In 2003, the 18-year department veteran began working very closely with the Attorney General's Office in finding information that was used to arrest and convict a prisoner of identity theft and telecommunications fraud.

Inspector Lindsey's assistance with the investigation resulted in the prisoner pleading guilty to one count of identify theft and one count of telecommunications fraud. The prisoner was sentenced to serve one to five years and the attorney general anticipates that additional arrests may occur as a result of this investigation. **3.9.1**.

# **Probation and Parole Officers Week is July 17-23**

The 2005 Probation and Parole Officers Week is July 17-23 this year. Gov. Jennifer Granholm has issued a proclamation and events are taking place across the state to honor and appreciate the significant role that these officers have in keeping our neighborhoods safe.

Please encourage your supervisor to e-mail photos and descriptions of your events by July 25 to <a href="mailto:madziagl@michigan.gov">madziagl@michigan.gov</a> so they can be included in <a href="mailto:fui.">fui.</a>

# Child protection registry available in Michigan

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and Chairman of the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) J. Peter Lark recently announced that on July 1, Michigan became the first state in the nation to launch a child protection registry that will enable parents to guard children from unwanted electronic messages.

"Michigan's child protection registry is a great way parents can shield their children from inappropriate email," said Granholm. "I'm proud that Michigan is the first state in the nation to develop this registry and provide a way for parents and teachers to protect our children from unsuitable emails."

Michigan's child protection registry, called the Protect MI Child Registry, will allow individuals and schools to register email addresses to which minors have access. In the near future, instant message IDs, mobile phone numbers, fax numbers, pager numbers, and other contact points can also be registered. There is no cost to register.

On July 21, 2004, the Governor signed SB 1025, creating the Michigan Children's Protection Registry Act (Public Act 241).

Public Act 241 prohibits persons from sending to registered addresses messages about products or services that are legally prohibited for children. Examples include pornography, tobacco, gambling, alcohol, illegal or prescription drugs, firearms, and fireworks. Senders of material are required to remove registered email addresses from their mailing lists within 30 days.

If a registered contact receives a prohibited message, a complaint may be filed with the Michigan Attorney General's office. A first violation is a misdemeanor; subsequent violations are felonies. Civil penalties may also be sought.

"The Protect MI Child Registry has been designed to be very user-friendly," said MPSC Chairman J. Peter Lark. "Parents and others who have expressed outrage and frustration at the endless stream of unwanted messages to which their children have access now have a way to reduce those messages."

The registry was created and will be operated by Unspam Registry Services. For more details on the registry, visit <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/protectmichild">www.michigan.gov/protectmichild</a>. The site went live for registrations at 7 a.m. on July 1. **Z.y.J.** 

# Project GO—Get Outdoors is Saturday, July 23

The Department of Natural Resources, together with Michigan's Surgeon General Kimberlydawn Wisdom, M.D., and nearly 90 partnering organizations, invite you to discover the benefits of outdoor recreation this Saturday, July 23. More information about Project GO - Get Outdoors can be found at <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10365-117811">http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10365-117811</a>—,00.html .

All across Michigan, state parks, state recreation areas, boating access sites, harbors, metro parks and municipal parks are hosting a series of events at 10 a.m. to encourage all Michigan residents and visitors to GO—Get Outdoors and experience the benefits of outdoor recreation. More than 90 events are planned, ranging from a boat safety inspection to interpretive hikes. Kite flying, t-ball, trail runs, sand sculpting contests, aerobics, yoga and all sorts of fun, imaginative games for all ages are planned. A complete listing of events broken down by general geographic area can be found on the web page above. **3.9.1**.

# Were you a member of the George Kropp Academy Class of August 19, 1985?



Attention graduates of the George Kropp Academy Class of August 19, 1985. Some class members have expressed an interest in getting together to celebrate the 20-year anniversary of their graduation from the academy.

An informal gathering is scheduled for Friday, August 19, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., at Trippers in Lansing. Spouses and significant others welcome.

Please share this with any class retirees or other

members who may not have access to this newsletter. RSVPs would be greatly appreciated. For more information and directions, contact R Cole Bouck at (517) 780-6056, or at <a href="mailto:bouckre@michigan.gov.7.1/">bouckre@michigan.gov.7.1/</a>.

## Featured Counselor David Ware

Dave Ware joined the Employee Service Program (ESP) in 1989. He holds a Master of Social Work degree from Michigan State University, East Lansing. He is a Certified Social Worker with the State of Michigan, and is a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers.

Ware's counseling career began in 1983 and during that time he has worked with individuals, couples and families on issues such as job stress, anxiety, substance abuse, depression, chronic illness and relationship problems.

Ware is the lead counselor in coordinating ESP's Interactive Screening Programs, which include telephonic and online free confidential screenings for eating disorders, depression, alcohol use, and anxiety.

He is an active member of his church, where he also developed and currently manages a counseling program. In this role, he describes himself as being "a consultant and assistant" who has been hired by his clients to help them

accomplish their goals. He serves as a volunteer caseworker with the American Red Cross, and contributes time to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society as a guest speaker for their support groups.

Ware makes it a point to live a balanced life and participates in a variety of activities including fishing, rock climbing, golf, theater, and socializing with family and friends. He also considers himself a bit of a chef and can sometimes be found in the kitchen, concocting a new salad dressing or barbeque sauce while putting together a dinner. *7.19.1.* 

